

MEMORANDUM

TO: High School Counselors (District please distribute to those school systems)
College Directors of Student Relations
Conservation Districts
KACD Auxiliary Members

FROM: Betty Barrick, President
KACD Auxiliary

DATE: December 3, 2005

SUBJECT: State Soil Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship
for Non-Traditional Students

The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Auxiliary is proud to announce a new scholarship for non-traditional college students. This scholarship will be awarded to any student that is at least 25 years old and pursuing an undergraduate degree in agriculture or related natural resources field. The scholarship of \$1,000.00 will be presented at the annual state convention of KACD.

Individuals recommended should be qualified young men and women that are interested in agriculture and natural resource fields. Citizenship in one's community is an important factor in the selection process in the scholarship program. Conservation districts, Auxiliary members and high school and college counselors are encouraged to make students aware of this scholarship. This scholarship is becoming sought after among many high school graduates across the state because selected students in the past have proven worthy of such an honor in their field. Applications are available at the local conservation district office in your county. It is required that the applicants submit the following information:

- (1) Two letters of recommendation,**
- (2) Most recent transcript, and;**
- (3) Completion of a comprehensive essay.**

Attached is more information relating to the scholarship application.

The KACD Auxiliary has helped to send numerous young people to the school of their choice with the three scholarships to students interested in careers in agriculture. Educating our youth for tomorrow will be beneficial to all those concerned with the wise use and management of our natural resources. Hopefully, this new scholarship will help an individual complete their dreams to finish their degree and pursue their professional career. Thank you for your interest and support.

Attachments

Rules and Instructions

Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship For Non-Traditional Students

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00 Annual Scholarship.

Source of Funds: Proceeds from KACD Auxiliary money-making projects, contributions, or gifts from memorials.

Eligibility: Applicants must be at least 25 years old and pursuing an under-graduate degree in agriculture or related natural resources field. An applicant will be eligible for one scholarship only.

Application forms will be made available to all eligible students, including family members of Conservation District Supervisors or employees, Natural Resources Conservation Services employees, and Kentucky Division of Conservation employees.

Instructions:

1. Eligible students may obtain an application from their local Conservation District.
2. Each application must be entirely completed. Required attachments are as follows:
 - Copies of applicant's high school transcript and any college transcripts.
 - Two original, current letters of recommendation.
 - Applicant's Comprehensive Essay as stated in Section V. of the Scholarship Application.

The essay should reflect the applicant's true thoughts and opinions and not be rambling sentences written in an effort to fill space. The essays are very important to the judges in making their final decisions.

3. The completed applications along with required attachments are to be submitted to the applicant's local Conservation District. **All applications must be signed by the local conservation district to be eligible for consideration by the judging committee.**
4. The Conservation District personnel responsible for collecting applications shall sign the second page of the applications in the designated space and then forward all materials to the **Kentucky Division of Conservation, 375 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.**
5. All applications must be postmarked no later than **March 31, 2006.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Kentucky Division of Conservation at 502/573-3080.

APPLICATION Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship Program For Non-Traditional College Students Sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts	
I. APPLICANT INFORMATION	
First Name:	Last Name:
Social Security Number:	Phone Number:
Applicant's Mailing Address:	
County of Residence:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
II. FAMILY INFORMATION	
Name of Parents or Guardians:	
Mailing Address (if different than above):	
III. STUDENT CERTIFICATION	
Name of College Currently Attending or That You Plan to Attend:	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Major:	Current GPA:
High School Attended:	Year Graduated:
Other financial aid being received or applied for (grants, scholarships, work study, etc.):	
Desired Profession (Ag. Producer, Soil Conservationist, Forester, Etc.):	

IV. LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES (List all school/community organizations you have been involved with and any offices held; or pertinent extra curricular activities or jobs.)

Organization/Activity/Employer	Office Held/Position	Calendar Year

V. WHAT ENCOURAGED YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS?

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VI. COMPREHENSIVE ESSAY (200-300 Words)

On separate paper, describe, "How my Chosen Profession will Contribute to Saving Kentucky's Dwindling Family Farms."

Attach essay to this application along with a copy of applicant's high school transcript, current college transcript, and two letters of recommendation then return to local Conservation District.

* Rules for this scholarship program and instructions for completing this application are attached.

Signature - Applicant

Date

Signature - Local Conservation District Office

Date